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loaf of bread.

tends through the walls, and which, by

turned with both hands, and the man

The mill I first inspected was that

keeps it moving throughout the day.

of Po Sa, a Burmese, who had been

convicted of an assault with intent to

Twenty Thousand Convicts.

vantage. It looked odd, this squatting down of hundreds of men as we passed.

Prison Labor.

with about 500 presses, and there are fully that many convicts at work there

on his ankles, and this is the case throughout the whole jall.

Making Convict Goods.

shop, and farther on are rooms where the criminals carve wood and weave

wicker furniture. This work is very ar-

tistic. We next went by groups of tailors

I asked as to the earnings of the pris-

oners. They are considerable. Most of the criminals are sentenced to hard la-

bor, and the expenses of the jails are largely paid by the sales of their work.

They manufacture all sorts of things for

the government departments, do much of the government printing and binding and make the weapons and chains used in the jalls. I saw stores of prisoners

in the blacksmith shop forging swords and dirks to be used by the men who

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During my stay I spent much time in

their hands before us.

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ANGOON, India, March 16 .- The the prisoner's bed. His pillow is a log biggest jail in the world is here at Rangoon. It has a capacity of more than 4000 convicts, and there 2500 incarcerated in it. The jail situated right in the heart of this city of 200,000. Its lilac colored brick walls are 20 feet high and they inclose many acres. Upon their corners are watch towers in which dark bearded, brown faced East Indian soldiers, with great yellow turbans on their black heads, stand day and night ready to shoot down the prisoner who attempts to escape. There are other watch houses midway between and others scattered throughout the vast inclosure, keeping prisoners under surveilance both day and night. A squad of soldiers was drilling in front of the entrance when I drove up to it this morning, and inside the jail I found guards everywhere.

I was able to visit the institution through a note of introduction from the lieutenant governor of Burma, and Capt. Knapp, the superintendent, gave orders that I was to be shown every part of it and allowed to made such photographs as I wished.

I was accompanied by one of the Burmese clerks of the main office, a bright young fellow with yellow face, brown eyes and black hair about waich a pink turban was tied. He were a khaki jacket and below this a sink skirt, wound tightly about the legs from waist to ankles. He was known to all the officials, and, at his word all doors were opened and all cells unlocked. We walked together through ward after ward and visited the workshops, where more than 2000 criminals labor from 6 in the morning until 4 in the afternoon, as they serve out the

Among the Incorrigibles.

The first division we entered was the ne devoted to the incorrigibles. The most of the prisoners, as I shall show later, labor in companies, side by side, in great shops of various kinds. In this ward every man worked alone in his cell, shut in by thick walls. could not see nor hear anything but the sorrowful shrick of the machinery which bimself and his fellows were common. He replied, "No, but it is done operating, and these noises sounded to now and then to keep the convicts in me like the walls of the damned. Im- order." agine a long hall 15 feet wide, upon Convicts Kneel to Our Correspondent. which perhaps three score cells dow up under the root, so

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Machinery has a small part in the work of this prison. Human muscle work of this prison. Human muscle takes its place. The flour used in the kitchens is ground between millstones turned by men who sweat as they drag them around, I saw a gang at such work, and was told that each was expected to make and clean about 50 pounds of flour daily. The sweat stood on their brown skins as they worked, and they tolled hard at the grinding.
On my way through the yards I saw the pumps working. The water of the jail is raised by great barrel like wheels so hung that as they turn they dip down into the water. To the rims of the wheels buckets are attached. These

fill as the wheels enter the water, rise to the top as it goes onward, and empty out into a trough when it is turned over. The motive power for each of these wheels is a half dozen convicts, of wood of about the size of a 5 cent who, holding on to a bar overhead, Did I say the only furniture? I am stepped ever upward, their weight turnwrong. There is also a great crank in the cell, attached to a bar which ex-

The Treadmill Abolished. This work was in the open, and it did not seem especially hard. It is the only treadmill that is now at work in an arrangement of cog wheels turns a mill in the hall outside. This mill contains raw peanuts, and the prisoner the jail. The great saw and planing mill within must grind them to oil. The treading arrangement is still in existcrank is such that it exercises the ence, but it is idle, having been displaced by a boiler and steam. It was actively whole upper part of the body. 'It is working when I visited this Rangoen jail 20 years ago, and in the eye of my mind I can still see the picture of the convicts then toiling. This treading ar-rangement was running a large planing

convicted of an assault with intent to kill. He was bare to the waist, excepting a light iron collar about his neck, on which was a metal tag giving his number. From waist downward he were only a breech cloth, and ward he were only a breech cloth, and the work of a modern steam engine. cepting a light iron collar about his could see his muscles rise and fall as feet wide, in which six great cogwheels e strained at the crank. He acted so 12 feet in diameter are so fitted tothought he was shamming, and I gether that they make a continuous asked the guards to let me try it my-self. Thereupon the door was un-locked and I took his place. The crank inch thick, so made that they form a moved easily at first, but after a hunset of steps upon which men standing can by their weight, make the wheel more. There is a bar above to which the men can hold, and to which they can, dred revolutions every cord in my arms and chest was sore, and at two hundred I was ready to drop. Nevertheless, this man was condemned to hard labor for three months, and that to work. When I was here last, I saw the screeching of the 60 other mills 150 men clad only in waist cloths, hold-connected with the cells in this ward. up, turning the wheel as they did so, and so by their weight running the machine shops and the planing mills. With the other kinds of work carried on in such cells in the making of coir. The men so punished were mostly in-corrigibles, who had committed terrible In this the prisoners sit flat on the floor and pound upon cocoanut fiber erimes. They all had chains on their legs, to reduce it to the consistency næded but the chains were tied to their walst for rope. They keep up their pounding hour after hour and day after day, and cloths to relieve their ankles. Several of the convicts had their hands fastened to the bar overhead, and all were forced to keep trading to the unmusical jingle if they stop are urged on by the guards. Such punishments are for men ntenced to hard labor and solitary

of their iron bound legs. confinement of whom there are per-The Cannon Ball Drill. haps 1000 in all Burma each year. I have before me a report of the jalls. It As far as I can learn, the prisoners are now well treated. I saw no flogging, s that there are now something 12,000 convicts in the various and there is no cruelty worth mention-ing. One of the severest punishments prisons, and that 20,000 have been of their rolls this year. Of these 16,000 saw was a gang of four men exercising with cannon balls. This is imposed upon men who cannot be controlled in other ways. Each man had a cannon ball weighing 32 pounds in his hands. were sentenced to rigorous imprison-ment and 378 were whipped in addition, and at the tap of the gong went through certain motions. The four men worked Convicts Kneel to Our Correspondent.

Leaving the solitary cells, I walked on through inclosure after inclosure, containing workshops of various kinds. of a hall bedroom, lighted by a grated on through inclosure after inclosure, close to their waists, another and they of a hall bedroom, lighted by a grated containing workshops of various kinds. raised it to their shoulders, and then it high | The doors were opened by black skinned | went as high up into the all that the man cannot see out. The cell jailers and the guards presented arms hands could reach. Other signals caused is walled and floored with cement, and as we passed. The prisoners we met them to lower it slowly, until it again is walled and floored with cement, and its only furniture is a low bench about two feet wide and eight inches high, with a coarse blanket upon it. This is cherubs who look up aloft." At first I told that the fatigue soon become tercherubs who look up aloft." At first I told that the fatigue soon become tercherubs who look up aloft." At first I told that the fatigue soon become tercherubs who look up aloft." At first I told that the fatigue soon become tercherubs who look up aloft." thought they were praying to me, but I afterward learned that they are required to do this on the grounds of A Well Managed Prison.

good order. No one can jump at you with a knife or knock you over if he keeps his hands folded, and while on the ground you have him at a disad-The Rangoon prison is excellently planned and well managed. The buildings are great sheds of one and two stories, running out like the spokes of a wheel from a circle, in which the In some cases they took tubs of water from their heads, and in others laid down their tools that they might clasp guards stand, so that they can inspect a half dozen or more shops at one time. The dormitories are arranged the same way. Everything is clean and sanitary, the prison death rate being only 16 per thousand. Among the jail the workshops. They include almost evinstitutions is a large garden, where anti-scorbutic vegetables are raised for are a living example of the skill of these the prisoners, nearly all such food be-people. There is a large printing office ing produced inside the jall.

The prisoners have enough to eat to keep them in perfect condition, and and in the type foundries and engraving establishments nearby. Each printer has an iron collar on his neck and iron rings their sleek, fat forms are in striking contrast to the lean coolies from India, who are to be seen everywhere upon the streets. The convicts eat three meals a day. Between 5 and 6 a. m., before going to work, they have rice Next to the printing establishment is large carpenter and cabinet making and vegetables, and a similar meal is given them between 9 and 10. They have their last meal about 4 oclock, when they quit for the day. Their meals are served simply. They squat out or doors in long rows, each having and coir rope makers, who work out in the open. All these dropped their work and folded their hands as we a tin wash basin before him. Into this the guards ladle the food, and the men use their fingers to convey the stuff to their mouths, According to the government reports the average cost of feeding each man is about 2 cents per day or two-thirds of 1 cent per meal. The cost here in Rangoon is \$8 per year for each convict. The total charges for clothing are likewise small, the average per head being about \$1 of our noney. The prisoners I saw were clad in little more than breech cloths, although a few wore called jackets as

Tattooed Convicts.

In this description, however, I have omitted a suit which nearly every criminal has and which he wears all bedwetting. There is a constitutional cause for this trouble. Mrs. M. Summers, Box W. Notre Dame, Ind., will send free to any mother her successful home treatment, will full instructions. his life. ing. This runs from his knees to his waist. It consists of a pair of breeches made up of the figures of tigers, monkeys and other animals which have been pricked into the skin with blue and black ink. Each animal is surrounded by a tracery of letters from the Burmese alphabet, and diamonds, squares and triangles of various sizes fill up the vacant spaces. This has been the custom with the Burmese men and boys from time immemorial. It is not confined to criminals, but is common to men and boys of all classes. In addition, the arms, chest and back are often tattooed with charms, isolated figures done in red ink. Love charms in red are sometimes tattooed around the eyes, and a quail tattooed on the jaw means love.

The ink used for the breeches is usually a solution of lamp black obtained from the smoke of sessamen oil. I understand that the boys of the cities are more or less giving up the tattooing of their legs, but those of the lower classes, to which most of the criminals belong, still practice the custom. The Burmese as Convicts. I am told that the Burmese make 331 Texas St. El Paso, Texas

strung and proud and will fight at the drop of a hat. They are not backward about getting into trouble, but once in jail are amenable to the laws. number of convicts is large in comparison with the population of the country. The jall population is now more than one to the thousand of the actual number of citizens. This includes what are known as the civil prisoners-men who have been incarcerated for debt. There is a special department of the Rangoon jall for

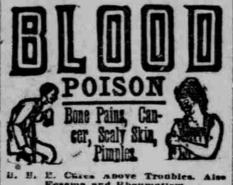
It takes something like 16,000 military policemen to keep the Burmese people in order, and in addition there is a civil police which numbers about 14,000. The military police has Euroonan officers in command of each battalion, and the men are largely East Indians. The native Burmans do not make good policemen, although some of the natives of the hill tribes have proved fairly good,

As to the civil police, every district has its own force, made up of the natives. Training schools for such men have been established in many localities, and the British are endeavoring to have the natives police themselves. As it is, crimes of violence are decreasing, although thefts of cattle and other things are still common. A close watch is kept upon all vagrants, and villages are fined if they harbor criminals or do not maintain a good police The system of keeping track of bad characters by photographs and finger prints is well known here, and many of the natives have been detected thereby.

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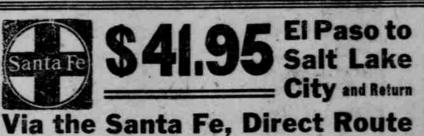
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